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SUBJ: SOMALI MIG' S FORCE DOWN UK COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT

1. SUMMARY. ON MORNING APR 25 GSDR FORCED UK BOEING 707 ON CHARTER FLIGHT TO LAND AT MOGADISCIO AIRPORT. PLANE OVER-FLEW SOMALIA WITHOUT CLEARANCE DESPITE SEVERAL RADIO WARNINGS. UK EMBASSY FEELS SOMALIS ACTED PROPERLY. AFTER PAYMENT OF FINE, AIRCRAFT AND PASSENGERS PROCEEDING MAURITIUS APR 26. END SUMMARY.

2. UK- REGISTERED BOEING 707 OWNED BY DAN- AIR CHARTER FIRM OF LONDON, CARRYING 83 PASSENGERS, PRIMARILY MAURITIANS, WAS PROCEEDING TO MAURITIUS FROM LONDON VIA CAIRO. PILOT RE-
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PORTEDLY BELIEVED HE HAD CLEARANCE FLY FIR TRACK DJIBOUTI-HARGEISA- MOGADISCIO. IN FACT SOMALIS HAD NOT RECEIVED REQUIRED 72- HOUR ADVANCE CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. WHEN HARGEISA RADAR PICKED UP PLANE, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL MOGADISCIO CONTACTED PILOT AND WARNED HIM TO DIVERT TO ADDIS OR ASMARA. PILOT ACKNOWLEDGED MESSAGE BUT DID NOT CHANGE COURSE. SUBSEQUENTLY, WHEN AIRCRAFT OVER OGADEN, ATC AGAIN ADVISED HIM THAT HE SHOULD NOT RE- ENTER SOMALI AIR SPACE. PILOT ACKNOWLEDGED THIS MESSAGE AS WELL. WHEN PLANE RE- ENTERED SOMALI AIR SPACE AT BELET UEN, ATC, ON INSTRUCTIONS SOMALI MILITARY, INFORMED HIM THAT HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LAND AT MOGADISCIO IF HE DID NOT TURN BACK. MIG'S THEN INTERCEPTED AIRCRAFT AND ESCORTED IT TO MOGADISCIO. PILOT REQUESTED AND RECEIVED PERMISSION DUMP MOST HIS FUEL AT SEA BEFORE LANDING.

3. UK AMB BOURN MET WITH PRESIDENT SIAD. LATTER TOOK RELAXED VIEW OF INCIDENT AND PROMISED MATTER WOULD RECEIVE QUICK JUDICIAL REMEDY.

4. PASSENGERS GIVEN HOSPITABLE TREATMENT AND LODGED FOR NIGHT AT NEW GIUBA HOTEL. UK EMBASSY OFFICER ACCOMPANIED PILOT TO SOMALI COURT WHICH HEARD CASE PROMPTLY AND FINED AIRLINE 10,000 SHILLINGS (\$1,632). AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED PROCEED MAURITIUS MORING APR 26.

5. COMMENT:

A. WE UNDERSTAND THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER UNAUTHORIZED OVERFLIGHTS MADE BY BRITISH CHARTER AIRCRAFT, USUALLY EN ROUTE TO SEYCHELLES.

B. INCIDENT ILLUSTRATES THAT SOMALI RADAR IS WORKING WELL AND THAT FIGHTER AIRCRAFT ARE INDEED CAPABLE OF QUICK RESPONSE AND ACTION. WE ASSUME BUT DO NOT KNOW THAT MIG'S WERE PILOTED BY SOVIETS.

C. IN VIEW CURRENT ETHIOPIAN- SOMALI TENSION OVER OGADEN BORDER, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ADVISE US CARRIERS THAT SOMALI REGULATIONS FOR OVERFLIGHT BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. US MILITARY AIRCRAFT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT APPROACH CLOSE TO SOMALI AIR SPACE.
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